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2005 ROSÉ of CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY

Vintage

With the exception of March, 2005 got off to a wet start with record rainfall well into spring. A relatively late bloom and set was followed by a mild summer with few heat spikes, allowing slow, even ripening of a larger than average crop. Ideal weather persisted through the extended harvest, allowing for excellent sugar development, balanced acids, and fully developed flavors.

Vineyards

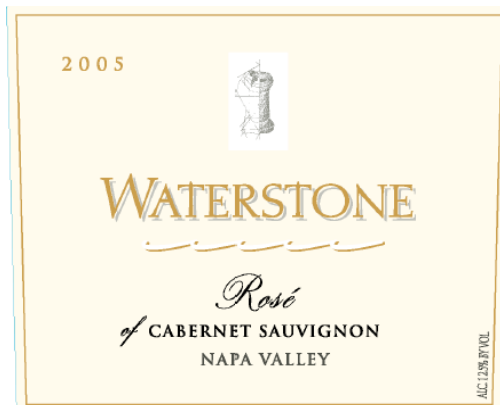
The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes for this wine were grown in the Chiles Valley region of Napa Valley. The region, with its clay-loam and shale soils, favors a longer growing season with its higher elevation and persistent morning fogs.


Vinification

Our Rosé is made in the saignée method, by "bleeding" juice from our Cabernet Sauvignon tanks prior to fermentation. The juice, pink in color due to its minimal skin contact, is inoculated and fermented to dryness in stainless steel. A portion of the wine was aged for 1 month in older French oak barrels, while the balance of the wine remained in tank. Prior to bottling, the wine received minimal filtration and fining to preserve the fresh fruit flavors.

Tasting Notes

Perfect for spring and summer sipping, this crisp, fragrant Rosé features fresh strawberry, cherry and hibiscus aromas that are mirrored on the palate. With its dry finish and balanced acidity, this Rosé is perfectly suited for al fresco dining and lighter fare.




Philip Zorn, Winemaker

Technical Data:

Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Appellation	Napa Valley
Alcohol	12.5%
TA	0.66 g/100ml
pH	3.19
Oak Aging	1 month
Oak Cooperage	French oak
Bottling Date	March 1, 2006
Production	386 cases
Suggested Retail	\$12